



Countdown to NIBRS:

2018 Is Pivotal Year for Crime Statistics

With the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program's retirement date for the Summary Reporting System (SRS) set for January 1, 2021, law enforcement agencies are urged to start now and prepare for the implementation of the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS). Therefore, the FBI—and the national law enforcement organizations who support the transition—are reaching out to the local, state, tribal, and federal law enforcement agencies to help them navigate a smooth transition to NIBRS.



The transition to the richer, NIBRS-only data standard will provide greater context at the national level to allow the FBI and its contributing agencies to identify and address evolving crime issues. Not only can NIBRS data help drive both crime perception and resource planning, but it can also assist with providing a more precise narrative and countering misconceptions about the scope, type, and nature of crime in the United States.

The 2018 calendar year is pivotal for law enforcement agencies to plan their NIBRS transition to allow enough time to secure resources and to develop a NIBRS solution.

If you are not NIBRS-compliant, how do you get there?

Progress toward a NIBRS implementation generally includes the following steps:

- Naming a NIBRS transition manager/UCR contact at the agency to work with the state UCR Program
- Identifying necessary funding
- Securing services for building or upgrading NIBRS-compliant systems
- Mapping of local and state statutes to NIBRS offenses
- Establishing a state technical specification (if the state collection requires additional data elements)
- Beginning and completing the NIBRS certification process for NIBRS Technical Version 3.0 or newer
- Submitting NIBRS data

How do you obtain grants to implement NIBRS?

The FBI has partnered with the Bureau of Justice Statistics on the National Crime Statistics Exchange (NCS-X) initiative to fund NIBRS technology solutions in select state UCR Programs and 400 local agencies. NCS-X solicitations are scheduled for 2018. Visit <https://www.bjs.gov/content/ncsx.cfm> for more information.

In addition, Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) monies are available for NIBRS transition. Visit <https://www.bja.gov/jag/> for additional information.

The FBI's UCR Program can assist local, state, tribal, and federal agencies in achieving effective NIBRS reporting. FBI resources are available without charge and include programmatic and technical support, NIBRS training, outreach, and subject matter expertise. Contact the FBI's UCR Program Office for information or assistance.

- **NIBRS Web site:**
<https://ucr.fbi.gov/nibrs-overview>
- **NIBRS e-mail address:**
UCR-NIBRS@fbi.gov
- **NIBRS contact:**
304-625-9999
- **NIBRS training:**
888-827-6427

The NIBRS transition is endorsed by the following law enforcement organizations.

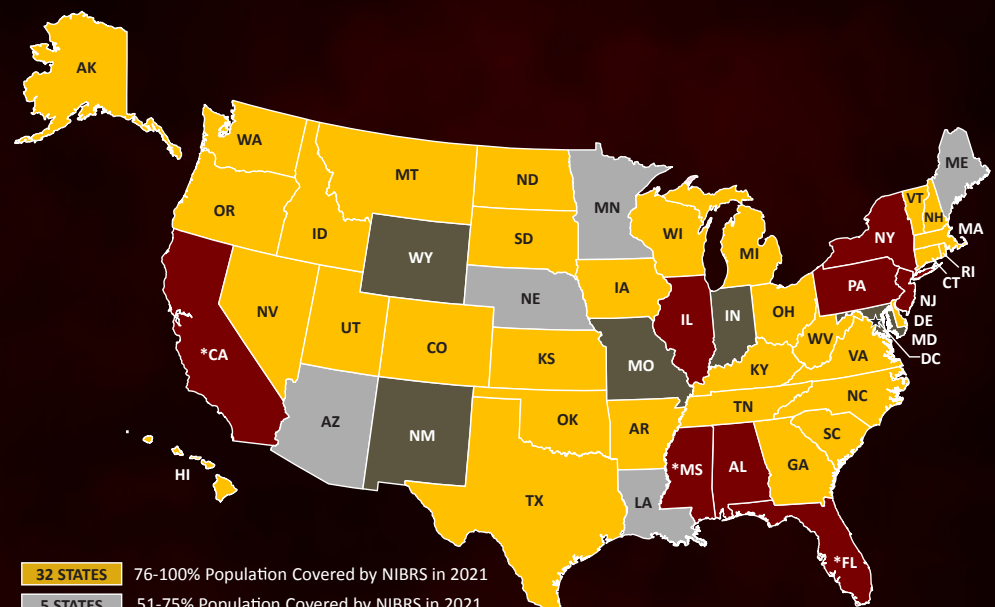


What are the benefits of NIBRS?

- **Greater specificity in reporting offenses**—NIBRS collects detailed data for 52 offenses, plus 10 additional offenses for which only arrests are reported. SRS counts limited data for 10 offenses and 20 additional crimes for which only arrests are reported.
- **No Hierarchy Rule**—NIBRS collects up to 10 offenses per incident. Under the Hierarchy Rule, SRS counts only the most serious offense per incident (with the exceptions of arson and human trafficking), omitting important information.
- **Superior level of detail**—NIBRS captures demographic data (age, sex, race, and ethnicity) for victims, known offenders, and arrestees, as well as relationships between victims and known offenders for all offenses, not just murder like SRS does. NIBRS also collects time of day, location types, gang involvement, types of weapons/force involved, and drug types and quantities in the incident report. This offers law enforcement data they can use for constructive discussion, measured planning, and informed policing.
- **More accurate depiction of crime**—NIBRS collects granular incident details, compared to SRS's more limited data capture. Because of its broader accounting of crime, NIBRS establishes a new baseline that more precisely captures the picture of reported crime in a community.

The FBI encourages agencies to work with their community leaders and the media in educating the areas they serve about the benefits of NIBRS data. Resources to assist in that effort are available upon request.

NATIONAL INCIDENT-BASED REPORTING SYSTEM (NIBRS) 2021 PROJECTED POPULATION COVERED BASED ON LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITMENTS AS OF SEPTEMBER 2018



* State has not yet reported committed agencies to the FBI